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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 22652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET, US

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM AMB YOUNG TO ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER

REF: A. NAIROBI 2626; B. USUN 597

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, REQUEST EMBASSY ADDIS PROVIDE
ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FELEKE WITH THE TEXT OF THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM AMB YOUNG.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

MR. MINISTER:

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE BILL HARROP
HAS INFORMED ME THAT DURING YOUR RECENT TALKS WITH HIM
YOU MENTIONED A STATEMENT, WHICH YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT
I HAD MADE, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT
IN A POSITION TO CONTROL THE TRANSFER OF AMERICAN SOURCE
ARMS TO THIRD PARTIES. I DO NOT RECALL MAKING ANY SUCH
STATEMENT AND WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT SUCH A STATEMENT
WOULD BE CONTRARY TO MY LONG-HELD CONVICTIONS ON THE
SUBJECT OF US ARMS SALES. UNDER US LAW, AGREEMENTS BY
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THE UNITED STATES TO FURNISH ARMS TO A COUNTRY MUST
PROVIDE THAT THE ARMS MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER
COUNTRY WITHOUT US CONSENT. THE US GOVERNMENT TAKES
THESE AGREEMENTS VERY SERIOUSLY. OUR LAW REQUIRES THAT
ANY VIOLATIONS BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS, AND ALL COUNTRIES
ARE MADE AWARE THAT UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFERS WILL HAVE
SUBSTANTIAL CONSEQUENCES. AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, I

VOTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO STRENGTHEN US CONTROLS AND
SANCTIONS AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED ARMS TRANSFERS TO THIRD
PARTIES.

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN OVER THE STATEMENT
ALLEGEDLY ATTRIBUTED TO ME, AND I HOPE THAT MY COMMENTS
HAVE HELPED TO ALLEVIATE YOUR CONCERN. SINCERELY,
ANDREW YOUNG. YOUNG

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